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SHIPS THROUGH MALACCA STRAITS

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1. SUMMARY: IN HIGHLY PUBLICISED REMARKS TO PRESS
OCTOBER 30, 31, FONMIN ADAM MALIK SAID INDONESIA VERY
MUCH REGRETTED REPORTED PASSAGE OF USS HANCOCK AND OTHER
US WARSHIPS THROUGH MALACCA STRAITS EARLY THIS WEEK
WITHOUT INFORMING GOI IN ADVANCE. MALIK SAID TRANSIT WITHOUT
PRIOR NOTICE DISREGARDED SOVEREIGNTY OF INDONESIAN
TERRITORY AND COULD CREATE TENSION. SOME STORIES NOTED
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AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE WHERE MALIK WAS TALKING

TO PRESS AND THAT AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS LIMITED TO
HIS BEING INFORMED. END SUMMARY

1. MALIK'S FIRST REMARKS ON SHIP TRANSIT INCIDENT
APPEARED IN OCTOBER 30 INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN
AFTERNOON SINAR HARAPAN OCTOBER 31. HE SAID HE
READ ABOUT THE INCIDENT IN LOCAL PRESS REPORTS
AND HAD RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION FROM US GOVERNMENT.
MALIK SAID IF REPORTED PASSAGE WAS TRUE, IT
COULD CREATE "TENSION", AND HE CRITICISED "THOSE
WHO DO NOT HONOR OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."
COMMENTING ON UPI REPORT THAT PURPOSE OF TRANSIT WAS TO
DEMONSTRATE US RIGHT OF FREE PASSAGE, HE SAID
"WE ARE THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS OF OUR OWN TERRITORY."

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, MALIK LATER CHIDED
AMBASSADOR IN PRESENCE OF REPORTERS ABOUT SEVENTH
FLEET TRANSIT AT OPENING OF NEW UN BUILDING
OCTOBER 31, AND MADE FURTHER COMMENTS TO PRESS.
HEADLINE STORIES IN MOST MORNING PAPERS NOVEMBER 1
QUOTED MALIK EXPRESSING REGRET OVER PASSAGE OF
HANCOCK AND OTHER SHIPS THROUGH STRAITS WITHOUT
PRIOR NOTIFICATION, IF REPORTED PASSAGE TRUE, AND
STRESSING INDONESIAN TERRITORIAL CLAIM OVER STRAITS.
MALIK SAID INDONESIA WOULD NOT BE SO WORRIED IF
THE SHIPS HAD PASSED THROUGH OPEN WATERS VIA "THE
BACK DOOR." HOWEVER GOI STILL REGRETTED THE
ENTRY OF WARSHIPS OF GREAT POWERS INTO INDIAN
OCEAN SINCE THIS COULD DISTURB STABLE RELATIONS
BETWEEN GREAT POWERS. (KOMPAS)

3. MALIK REPORTEDLY ADDED INDONESIA SOUGHT TO
PROTECT ITS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE GREAT POWERS,
BUT THAT SHIPS WISHING TO TRANSIT STRAITS OF
MALACCA MUST INFORM INDONESIA AND OTHER ADJOINING
COUNTRIES OF SUCH PASSAGE. (KOMPAS, PDOMON, ANTARA)

4. ACCORDING INDONESIA RAYA STORY, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
PRESS SPOKESMAN REPEATED SUBSTANCE OF MALIK'S
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CRITICISM OF US FAILURE TO INFORM INDONESIA AND
OTHER RIPARIAN STATES OF SHIP TRANSIT AND SAID GOI
HOPED INCIDENT WOULD NOT REOCCUR.

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5. MALIK'S CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT THIS UNFORTUNATE
AND UNNECESSARY INCIDENT, WHICH RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY

IN PRESS, ARE SHARPEST STATEMENTS BY GOI SPOKESMAN
ABOUT US IN SOME TIME. PERHAPS SOME
ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE TAKEN FROM FACT
THAT MALIKS
REMARKS AS PLAYED IN PRESS LAID STRESS ON COURTESY
OF PROVIDING INFORMATION ON SHIPS PASSING THROUGH
INDONESIAN WATERS AND DID NOT MENTION INDONESIA'S
GRANTING "PERMISSION."
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